

Space Flight Awareness

Promoting Crew Safety and Mission Success Through Awareness and Recognition

NASA established the Space Flight Awareness (SFA) program in 1963. Since its inception, SFA's mission has been to ensure that all employees involved in human space flight are aware of the impact their actions can have on astronaut safety and mission success. During this time thousands of individuals have been recognized for their contributions to the success of NASA's programs. The key to SFA's longevity is its two-pronged approach to meeting its goal—Awareness and Recognition.

Awareness Program

Awareness activities include motivational visits and the development, display, and distribution of motivational tools.

SFA Motivational Visits –

SFA works to arrange executive and astronaut visits to help remotely located employees feel a part of the human space flight team and to give them an opportunity to get to know those who will use the products they design and build.

SFA Motivational Tools –

SFA uses a variety of products to focus on key aspects of human space flight requirements and activities:

- Posters – safety, quality, reliability, mission, astronauts, significant milestones
- Decals – Shuttle and ISS missions
- Pins – vehicle, mission, milestone
- Newsletters
- Safety Day activities
- Miscellaneous items – lanyards, bumper stickers, handbooks, calendars, etc.

SFA Recognition

Ongoing recognition activities are accomplished through the use of the six SFA awards.

SFA Silver Snoopy Award –

This is the astronauts' personal award. To qualify for this award, eligible candidates will have made contributions toward enhancing the probability of mission success, or made improvements in design, administrative/technical/production techniques, business systems, flight and/or systems safety or identification and correction or preventive actions for errors. This award is generally not intended for management. Only one Silver Snoopy award for an individual is permitted.



SFA Team Award –

This award is used to recognize small groups of employees that have demonstrated exemplary teamwork while accomplishing a particular task or goal in support of the human space program.

SFA Honoree Award –

This award is one of the highest presented to NASA and industry and is for first-level management and below. This award is presented to employees for their dedication to quality work and flight safety. To qualify, the individuals must have contributed beyond their normal work requirements to achieve significant impact on attaining a particular human space flight program goal; contributed to a major cost savings; been instrumental in developing modification to hardware, software, or materials that increase reliability, efficiency, or performance; assisted in operational improvements; or been a key player in developing a beneficial process improvement.

SFA Leadership Award –

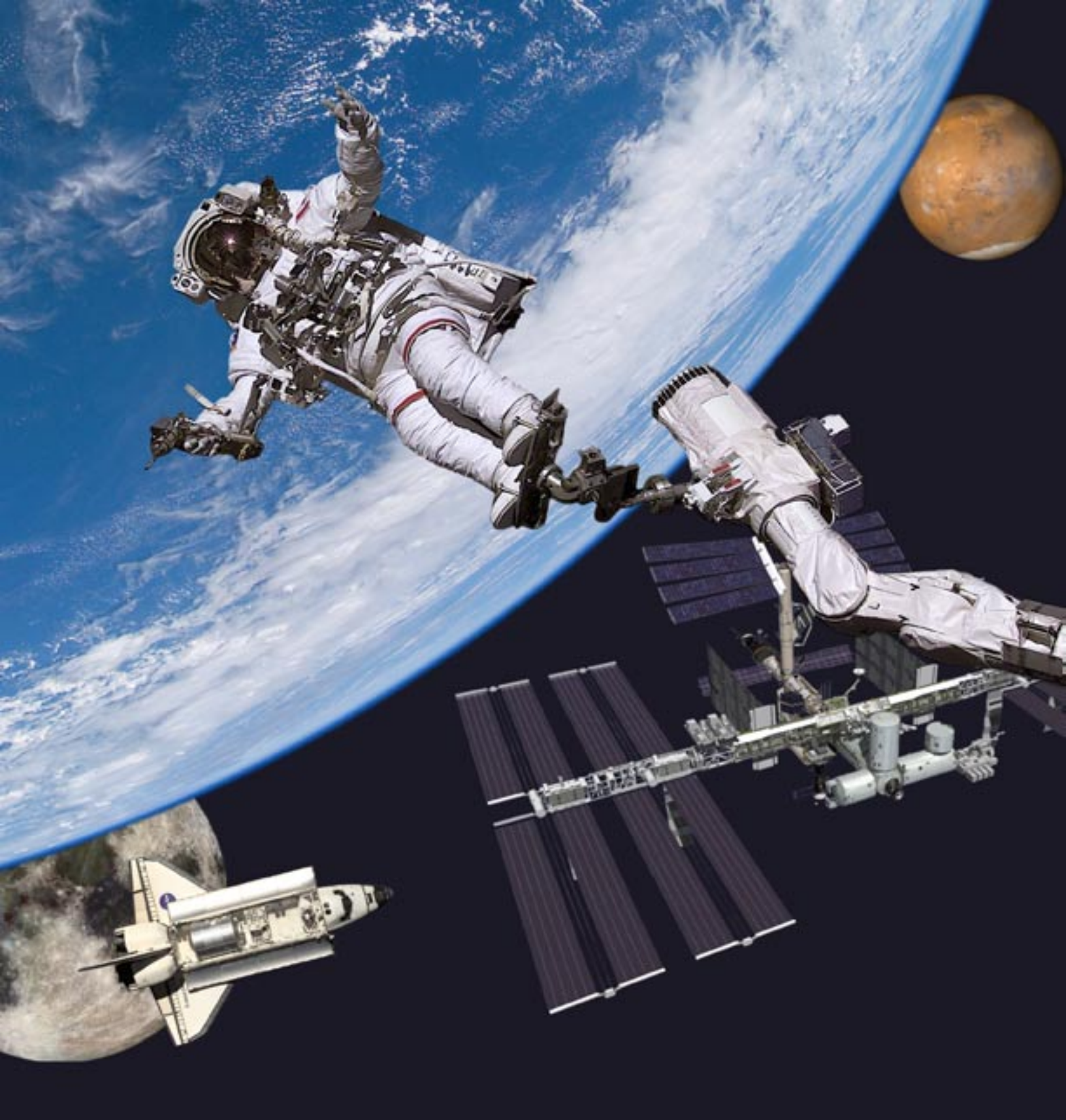
This award is intended for recognition of mid-level managers who consistently demonstrate loyalty, empowerment, accountability, diversity, excellence, respect, sharing, honesty, and integrity, and are proactive.

SFA Flight Safety Award –

This award recognizes significant, outstanding, individual or team contributions related to the prevention of anything that could lead to a catastrophic mishap to the vehicle, crew, or mission. The approval process for this award includes the SFA National Panel, the Flight Safety Panel, and the NASA Associate Administrator for Safety and Mission Assurance.

SFA Supplier Award –

This annual award honors outstanding performance by hardware, software, or service suppliers who support NASA human space flight programs. Awardees are chosen based on their production of high-quality products, excellent technical and cost performance, and adherence to schedules.



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